

Explorer Program FAQ's

1. How do I get my son or daughter involved in the Explorer Program?
 - a. Visit the Glendale Fire Department website at www.glendalefire.com during the months of May and November and look for the banner announcing the recruitment and application period opening. Follow the instructions shown.
2. What are the requirements to join?
 - a. You must be age 16-20
 - b. If in school, cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.5 or greater
 - c. If out of high school, high school diploma or G.E.D. completion
 - d. Successful completion of the application and background check
3. What is the background check?
 - a. The background check is a thorough examination of your personal history through the use of a questionnaire. A Live Scan fingerprint check will also be conducted prior to final acceptance into the program.
4. When does the Explorer Program start?
 - a. The recruitment and application period for the Explorer Program begin in May and November of each year. The first meeting for accepted applicants is in June and January, respectively.
5. Do I have to wait for May and November to let you know I am interested?
 - a. No, you can fill out an Interest Card online. They are located on the home page of the Glendale Fire Department web site, on the right side of the page, where it says, "Be Part of Our Team." You will be contacted from that list when recruitment opens and the application period begins.
6. How do I get an application packet and what is in it?
 - a. You will be contacted by email if you have filled out an Interest Card online about the application period opening and all necessary paperwork will be attached for you to download. Applications are not available at any other time. A list of the application packet paperwork and a slideshow describing each portion is available on the Explorer Page of Glendale Fire's web site.
7. How long does the Program last?
 - a. You can participate in the Explorer Program until the age of 21 or until you decide not to be a part of the Program anymore.
8. What are the costs associated with being a Fire Explorer?
 - a. Program Costs: \$10.00 every January for B.S.A., Charter
 - b. Dues: Regular dues \$1.00 every Friday and \$2.00 on Saturdays. These dues are used to pay for extracurricular activity support
 - c. Uniform: Boots range from \$50.00 - \$100.00 and Clothing is \$100.00
9. Who do I speak with to get additional information about the application packet?
 - a. Please contact Captain Murphy via email at bmurphy@ci.glendale.ca.us